SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AMENDED STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2015-362-E ORDER NO. 2016-122-H

DECEMBER 12, 2016

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Approval of the Revised South Carolina Interconnection Standard

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of South Carolina Attorney of Record to be Excused from Workshop

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Request granted. J. Blanding Holman, IV, Esquire and Lauren Joy Bowen, Esquire represent the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in this Docket. Ms. Bowen was admitted to practice during proceedings under this Docket by admission *pro hac vice* on motion of Mr. Holman, who is the South Carolina Attorney of Record, pursuant to Order No. 2016-67, issued on January 27, 2016. Mr. Holman has filed a request to be excused from attending the Workshop in this Docket, scheduled for December 15, 2016, due to a professional training conflict for that day. Mr. Holman states that Ms. Bowen is able to attend the Workshop. Further, Mr. Holman notes that his clients have provided written comments in the proceeding, but do not intend to present material at the Workshop.

Mr. Holman cites South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 404 (i), which states that the South Carolina attorney of record for the attorney appearing *pro hac vice* shall "attend all subsequent proceedings in the matter, <u>unless the tribunal specifically excuses the South Carolina attorney of record from attendance</u> (emphasis added)." Pursuant to the Commission's discretion under this rule, Mr. Holman requests to be excused from attending the Workshop on December 15, 2016.

The request is granted and Mr. Holman is excused from attending the December 15, 2016 Workshop. This is a reasonable request under these circumstances. This is not a rate proceeding, and Mr. Holman notes that the clients have provided written comments, but do not intend to present material at the workshop. Accordingly, Ms. Bowen may attend without Mr. Holman accompanying her.